

SWOSU Study Abroad Program Plans Spain Trip

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Spanish program is offering a study abroad program in May of 2017.

The program, entitled "From the Capital to the Coast," will take students to three cities in Spain: Madrid, Cuenca and Valencia.

Upon completion of the program, four credit hours will be added to the student's transcript. The program is offered to all SWOSU students and is available for students with any level of Spanish knowledge. The program will begin on May 10 and end May 24.

The cost of the program is \$2,500 USD, which does not include the cost of the plane ticket. The initial deposit of \$500 is due on December 5, 2016, and the final payment is due on February 17, 2017.

The trip begins with a four night stay in Madrid, where students are immersed in the rich history of Spain with Flamenco, cuisine, and museums. In Cuenca, students will spend 6 nights with host families and study at the Trivium Language Institute. The final city, Valencia, will include a four-night stay and the ability to eat paella and relax on the Malvarrosa beach. The trip offers many other highlights, including a visit to El Prado, a venture to the top of El Socorro Mountain, and viewing the exhibits in the City of Arts and Sciences.

"I went on this trip in the summer of 2015, and I would highly suggest this trip to everyone," said Justin Tharp, senior from Thomas. "I would also say that the trip is definitely worth the cost. The memories that I made in Spain will live with me forever and will always call me back to the country."

Tharp said he learned much about the culture and history of Spain thanks to this trip. From living with wonderful host families to eating the delicacies of Spain, the program always offered something new and exciting to experience.

"Being able to study in the Trivium Language Institute really helped me learn more Spanish than I had anticipated, and I couldn't have been more pleased with this study abroad program," Tharp said.

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